

**MATH 217 W24 - LINEAR ALGEBRA, Section 001 (Dr. Paul Kessenich)**  
**Homework Set 7 Part B due Thursday, March 14 at 11:59pm**  
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1. Let  $W$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space with ordered bases  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$ .

- (a) Prove that  $S_{C \rightarrow A} = S_{B \rightarrow A} S_{C \rightarrow B}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $w$  be an arbitrary vector in  $W$ , and let  $[w]_{\mathcal{C}}$  be its representation in the  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinate space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $S_{C \rightarrow B}[w]_{\mathcal{C}} = [w]_{\mathcal{B}}$  by definition of  $S_{C \rightarrow B}$ .

So  $S_{B \rightarrow A} S_{C \rightarrow B}[w]_{\mathcal{C}} = [w]_{\mathcal{A}}$  by definition.

Additionally,  $S_{C \rightarrow A}[w]_{\mathcal{C}} = [w]_{\mathcal{A}}$  by definition.

These two matrices have the same dimensions ( $n \times n$ ), and right-multiplying by the standard unit vectors would have the same results with either matrix, so their columns are identical by the Key Theorem. Thus,  $S_{C \rightarrow A} = S_{B \rightarrow A} S_{C \rightarrow B}$ .

- (b) Show that  $S_{C \rightarrow A} S_{B \rightarrow C} S_{A \rightarrow B} = I_n$

**Solution:** Let  $w$  be an arbitrary vector in  $W$ , and let  $[w]_{\mathcal{A}}$  be its representation in the  $\mathcal{A}$ -coordinate space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $S_{A \rightarrow B}[w]_{\mathcal{A}} = [w]_{\mathcal{B}}$  by definition of  $S_{A \rightarrow B}$ .

Left-multiplying  $S_{B \rightarrow C}$ , we find  $S_{B \rightarrow C} S_{A \rightarrow B}[w]_{\mathcal{A}} = [w]_{\mathcal{C}}$  by definition.

Similarly, left-multiplying  $S_{C \rightarrow A}$ , we find  $S_{C \rightarrow A} S_{B \rightarrow C} S_{A \rightarrow B}[w]_{\mathcal{A}} = [w]_{\mathcal{A}}$  by definition.

So  $S_{C \rightarrow A} S_{B \rightarrow C} S_{A \rightarrow B} \vec{e}_1 = \vec{e}_1$ ;  $S_{C \rightarrow A} S_{B \rightarrow C} S_{A \rightarrow B} \vec{e}_2 = \vec{e}_2$ ; ...  $S_{C \rightarrow A} S_{B \rightarrow C} S_{A \rightarrow B} \vec{e}_n = \vec{e}_n$ .  
 Thus by the Key Theorem,  $S_{C \rightarrow A} S_{B \rightarrow C} S_{A \rightarrow B} = I_n$ .

2. Let  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  be the smooth functions defined by

$$f_1(x) = \sin 2x, f_2(x) = \cos 2x, f_3(x) = e^{3x}$$

and consider the subspace  $V \subseteq C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  spanned by the basis  $\mathcal{B} = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$ . (You may assume without proof that these three functions are linearly independent.) Now consider the linear transformation  $D : V \rightarrow V$  defined by differentiation, i.e. for any function  $g \in V$ ,  $D(g)(x) = \frac{dg}{dx}$ .

- (a) Find  $[D]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} [D]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ [D(f_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [D(f_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [D(f_3)]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ [2 \cos 2x]_{\mathcal{B}} & [-2 \sin 2x]_{\mathcal{B}} & [3e^3 x]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Give a geometric interpretation of the matrix  $[D]_{\mathcal{B}}$ . That is, how does it act on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

**Solution:** The matrix  $[D]_{\mathcal{B}}$  will dilate vectors by 2 in the  $x$  and  $y$ -directions, and 3 in the  $z$ -direction. Then, it will flip the vectors over the  $yz$ -plane (making the  $x$ -coordinate negative). Finally, it will flip the result over the  $x = y$  plane, switching the  $x$  and  $y$ -coordinates of the vector.

3. Let  $V$  be a vector space with ordered bases  $\mathcal{B} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  and  $\mathcal{C} = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation, with  $B = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $C = [T]_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Give a proof or counterexample for each of the following statements:

- (a) For all integers  $k \geq 1$ ,  $B^k$  and  $C^k$  are similar.

**Solution:** This statement is true. By the Change of Basis Theorem, we know that  $B = S^{-1}CS$ , where  $S$  is the change-of-coordinates transformation from  $\mathcal{B}$  coordinates to  $\mathcal{C}$  coordinates, which is an isomorphism. Then

$$\begin{aligned} B^k &= (S^{-1}CS)^k = S^{-1}CSS^{-1}CSS^{-1}CS \dots S^{-1}CS \\ &= S^{-1}CI_nCI_nCS \dots I_nCS \\ &= S^{-1}C^kS \end{aligned}$$

by trivial induction, when  $k \geq 1$ . So there exists invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $B^k = S^{-1}C^kS$ . Thus  $B^k$  and  $C^k$  are similar by definition.

- (b)  $\ker(B) = \ker(C)$ .

**Solution:** This statement is false. Consider transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $T(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x - y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and bases  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ,  $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Then  $\ker(C)$  includes  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{C}}$ , but  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not within the kernel of  $B$ ;  $B \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus  $\ker(B) \neq \ker(C)$ .

- (c)  $\dim(\ker(B)) = \dim(\ker(C))$ .

**Solution:** This statement is true. Let  $S$  be the change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  coordinates.

Let basis  $K_B = \{k_{B1}, \dots, k_{Bm}\}$  be a basis of the kernel of  $B$  with dimension  $m$ . Then let  $K_C = \{Sk_{B1}, \dots, Sk_{Bm}\}$ . Note that since  $S$  is an isomorphism, the span of  $K_C$  has the same dimension as the kernel of  $B$ . We know by the Change of Basis Theorem that  $C = SBS^{-1}$ . So  $CSk_{Bj} = SBS^{-1}Sk_{Bj} = S\vec{0} = \vec{0}$ . Because  $CSk_{Bj} = 0$  for all vectors  $Sk_{Bj} \in K_C$ , the span of  $K_C$  is within the kernel of  $C$  by linearity, and  $\dim(\ker(B)) \leq \dim(\ker(C))$ .

Let basis  $K_C = \{k_{C1}, \dots, k_{Cm}\}$  be a basis of the kernel of  $C$  with dimension  $m$ . Then let  $K_B = \{S^{-1}k_{C1}, \dots, S^{-1}k_{Cm}\}$ . Note that since  $S^{-1}$  is an isomorphism, the span of  $K_B$  has the same dimension as the kernel of  $C$ . We know by the Change of Basis Theorem that  $B = S^{-1}CS$ . So  $BS^{-1}k_{Cj} = S^{-1}BSS^{-1}k_{Cj} = S^{-1}\vec{0} = \vec{0}$ . Because  $BS^{-1}k_{Cj} = 0$  for all vectors  $Sk_{Cj} \in K_B$ , the span of  $K_B$  is within the kernel of  $B$  by linearity, and  $\dim(\ker(C)) \leq \dim(\ker(B))$ .

Because  $\dim(\ker(B)) \leq \dim(\ker(C))$  and  $\dim(\ker(C)) \leq \dim(\ker(B))$ , then  $\dim(\ker(C)) = \dim(\ker(B))$ .

4. Let  $T : U \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation between vector spaces  $U$  and  $W$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{B} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)$  is a basis for the source  $U$  and  $\mathcal{C} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d)$  is a basis for the target  $W$ . As usual, let  $L_{\mathcal{B}}$  denote the coordinate isomorphism  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  and let  $L_{\mathcal{C}}$  denote the coordinate isomorphism  $W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ .

- (a) Show that there exists a linear transformation  $T' : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $T' \circ L_{\mathcal{B}} = L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T$ . [Hint: A diagram showing four vector spaces and four maps between them, similar to those immediately before and after Definition 4.3.1 in the textbook, might be useful.]

**Solution:** Let  $T'$  be the composition of transformations  $L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T \circ L_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$ . We know that this transformation exists since the domains and codomains of  $L_{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $T$ , and  $L_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}$  match by definition of the coordinate isomorphisms.

$$T' : \mathbb{R}^k \xrightarrow{L_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1}} U \xrightarrow{T} W \xrightarrow{L_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathbb{R}^d$$

Additionally, we know this composition is linear since all the component transformations are linear. Then,  $T'$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} T' \circ L_{\mathcal{B}} &= L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T \\ L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T \circ L_{\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \circ L_{\mathcal{B}} &= L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T \\ L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T \circ I &= L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T \\ L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T &= L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let  $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$  denote the standard matrix of the transformation  $T'$  you described in (a). Prove that for all  $u \in U$ ,

$$[T(u)]_{\mathcal{C}} = [T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}[u]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

**Solution:**  $[T(u)]_{\mathcal{C}}$  is equivalent to  $L_{\mathcal{C}}(T(u)) = (L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T)(u)$ . Additionally,  $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}[u]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is equivalent to  $T'(L_{\mathcal{B}}(u)) = (T' \circ L_{\mathcal{B}})(u)$ . Since we have shown in part (a) that  $T' \circ L_{\mathcal{B}} = L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T$ , then  $(T' \circ L_{\mathcal{B}})(u) = (L_{\mathcal{C}} \circ T)(u)$ . So the given statement is true for all  $u \in U$ .

- (c) Describe, with explanation, the columns of matrix  $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$  in terms of the bases  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Solution:** Column  $i$  of matrix  $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$  will be  $[T(u_i)]_{\mathcal{C}}$ . This is the representation of the [result of basis element  $u_i$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  after undergoing transformation  $T$ ] as a  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinate. This is very similar to the Key Theorem, except with differing dimensions between domain and codomain. Using the same strategy as the Key Theorem, plugging in a standard vector of  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is like plugging in basis element  $u_i$  into  $T$ . Then, since the output is in  $W$ , we use  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinates to represent it in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

5. Let  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  be the functions defined by

$$f_1(x) = \sin x, f_2(x) = \cos x, f_3(x) = e^x,$$

which you may assume without proof are linearly independent. Consider the subspace  $V$  of  $C^\infty$  spanned by the set  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ . Recall from Calculus that every function in  $V$  may be expressed as a Taylor series that converges for all real numbers.

Let  $T : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^3$  be the linear transformation that assigns to each function  $f \in V$  the third-degree Taylor polynomial  $f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3$  for  $f$ , a polynomial approximation to  $f$ .

- (a) Find a basis  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $\mathcal{P}^3$  such that

$$[T(f_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, [T(f_2)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [T(f_3)]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution:**  $\mathcal{C} = \left\{1, x, \frac{x^2}{2}, \frac{x^3}{3!}\right\}$ .

- (b) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be as in (a), and let  $\mathcal{B} = (f_1 + f_2, f_1 - f_2, f_3 + f_1)$ . Find  $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$  (see Problem 4).

**Solution:** As we saw in problem 4, column  $i$  of matrix  $[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})}$  will be  $[T(f_i)]_{\mathcal{C}}$ . We were already given these in part (a), so finding the standard matrix is simple:

$$[T]_{(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -30 \\ -30 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $V = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

(a) Show that for all  $\vec{v} \in V$ ,  $A\vec{v} \in V$ .

**Solution:** Let arbitrary  $\vec{v} \in V$ . Then since  $\vec{v}$  is in the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , it can be expressed  $v = a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{v} &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -30 \\ -30 & 19 \end{bmatrix} \left( a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= 3a \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -30 \end{bmatrix} + 2a \begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot (-6) + 2 \cdot (-30) \\ 3 \cdot (-30) + 2 \cdot 19 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} -78 \\ -52 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{a}{26} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We know  $-\frac{a}{26} \in \mathbb{R}$  by closure of nonzero real division, so  $A\vec{v} = -\frac{a}{26} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \in V$ .

(b) Find a basis for  $V^\perp$ , and show that for all  $\vec{w} \in V^\perp$ ,  $A\vec{w} \in V^\perp$ .

**Solution:** Let the basis for  $V^\perp$  be  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Let arbitrary  $\vec{w} \in V^\perp$ . Then since  $\vec{w}$  is in the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , it can be expressed  $\vec{w} = a \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -30 \\ -30 & 19 \end{bmatrix} \left( a \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= 2a \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -30 \end{bmatrix} - 3a \begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot (-6) - 3 \cdot (-30) \\ 2 \cdot (-30) - 3 \cdot 19 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 78 \\ -117 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{a}{39} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We know  $\frac{a}{39} \in \mathbb{R}$  by closure of nonzero real division, so  $A\vec{w} = \frac{a}{39} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \in V$ .

- (c) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  for all  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Find a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is diagonal, and write the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  explicitly.

**Solution:** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Then by the Key Theorem,  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} [T(b_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T(b_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{26} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{39} \end{bmatrix}$

- (d) Calculate  $[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ . [Hint: Leave numbers like  $7^{13}$  in that form; do not attempt to multiply them out.]

**Solution:**  $[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{10}$  since the matrix identifies the transformation. So

$$[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{26} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{39} \end{bmatrix}^{10} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{26^{10}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{39^{10}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (e) Calculate  $[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ . [Hint: Leave the entries as numerical expressions; do not attempt to simplify.]

**Solution:** We use the change of basis theorem for transformations, which tells us that  $[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{E}} = S^{-1}[T^{10}]_{\mathcal{B}}S$ , where  $S$  is the change of coordinates transformation from  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  coordinates. We find that  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{13} & \frac{2}{13} \\ \frac{2}{13} & \frac{-3}{13} \end{bmatrix}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} [T^{10}]_{\mathcal{E}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{13} & \frac{2}{13} \\ \frac{2}{13} & \frac{-3}{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{26^{10}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{39^{10}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{13} & \frac{2}{13} \\ \frac{2}{13} & \frac{-3}{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{26^{10}} & \frac{2}{26^{10}} \\ \frac{2}{39^{10}} & -\frac{3}{39^{10}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{26^{10}} + \frac{4}{39^{10}} & \frac{6}{26^{10}} - \frac{6}{39^{10}} \\ \frac{6}{26^{10}} - \frac{6}{39^{10}} & \frac{4}{26^{10}} + \frac{9}{39^{10}} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$